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FOLLOWING IS FRG AMBASSADOR DERIX' REPORT ON OFFICIAL
CONGOLESE REACTION TO THE U.S. NOTE DELIVERED
FEBRUARY 18 (REFTEL). DERIX NOTES THAT THE GOC REQUESTS
AN ANSWER AS TO WHETHER THEIR REACTION IS SUFFICIENT TO
PRECLUDE REVOCATION OF GSP. DERIX' REPORT ON HIS
CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER OF ENERGY ADADA (PARA. 1)
BEING SENT SEPTEL.

BEGIN TEXT:

SUBJECT: NATIONALIZED AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES
MOBIL OIL AND TEXACO -- CONGOLESE
REPLY TO NOTE

1. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONGOLESE FOREIGN
MINISTRY ALI HOUNOU ASKED TO SEE ME IN HIS OFFICE ON
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MARCH 4 TO HAND ME THE ANSWER OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO THE
NOTE OF FEBRUARY 18 ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED COMPENSA-
TION MATTER. THE NOTE WILL BE SENT WITH NEXT COURIER.

THE CONGOLESE ANSWER GENERALLY FOLLOWS THE
LINE OF THE CONVERSATION THAT I HAD WITH THE MINISTER
FOR ENERGY ADADA, ON FEBRUARY 25. AT THE BEGINNING IT

WAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT SO FAR HAS NOT WITHDRAWN FROM ITS INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND THAT IT IS WILLING TO REVIEW THE HANDLING OF COMPENSATION FOR MOBILOIL AND TEXACO. SHELL, IN THE MEANTIME, HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPENSATED. FURTHER IT IS MENTIONED THAT CABLES SENT FROM THE NATIONAL COMPANY HYDRO-CONGO ON FEBRUARY 22 (TELEX NR. BRA 7701) AND FEBR. 23 (NR. BRA 7712) TO THE EXPROPRIATED FOREIGN COMPANIES WERE ANSWERED BY MOBILOIL, BUT NOT BY TEXACO. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM MOBILOIL WAS EXPECTED TO COME FROM DOUALA SHORTLY. IN THE CONVERSATION IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THE DATE OF ARRIVAL OF THE MOBILOIL REPRESENTATIVE WAS MARCH 10. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE NOTE IT IS REGRETTED THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED BY THE MENTIONED COMPANIES ABOUT THE CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CONGOLESE AUTHORITIES.

2. NOT CONTAINED IN THE NOTE, BUT MENTIONED IN THE CONVERSATION WAS THE EXPECTATION OF THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD REFRAIN, IN VIEW OF THE EXISTING WILLINGNESS TO COMPENSATE AND THE CONTACTS ALREADY INITIATED BY HYDRO-CONGO, FROM IMPLEMENTING ITS ANNOUNCEMENT TO STRIKE THE P.R. OF THE CONGO FROM THE LIST OF PREFERRED COUNTRIES WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER TRANSMISSION OF THE NOTE THROUGH OUR EMBASSY.

3. I REQUEST THAT U.S. EMBASSY PLEASE BE INFORMED WITH THE INDICATION THAT THE CONGOLESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENT EXPECTS AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION DISCUSSED IN PARAGRAPH 2.

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